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SUBJECT: IMMINENT IRANIAN RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA

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SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR MADE APPROACH TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IN
EFFORT DISSUADE IRAN FROM EARLY RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA.
IN SPITE OF THIS, OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT GRANTING DIPLOMATIC
RECOGNITION SEEMS CERTAIN TO BE MADE IN TEHRAN ON APRIL 19.
END SUMMARY

1. DURING APRIL 18 CALL ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AHMAD
MIRFENDERESKI AT HIS REQUEST, MIRFENDERESI INFORMED ME THAT
OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT GRANTING IRANIAN DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION
TO NORTH KOREA IS SCHEDULED TO BE MADE AT 1400 HOURS TEHRAN
TIME APRIL 19. RECOGNITION WAS BEING GRANTED AS PART OF
IRAN'S POLICY. IN IRAN'S VIEW, THE SITUATION OF KOREA WAS
SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THAT OF GERMANY, THE EASTERN PART OF
WHICH IRAN HAD RECENTLY RECOGNIZED. KEEPING THE NORTH KOREANS
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ISOLATED WOULD NOT SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE; ON THE CONTRARY, BRINGING THEM MORE FULLY INTO THE DIPLOMATIC WORLD WOULD MAKE THEM BEHAVE MORE RESPONSIBLY.

2. I TOLD MIRFENDERESKI THAT THE UNITED STATES STILL HOMES (N. B. EGYPT NOT REPEAT NOT SINGLED OUT) --

TO MIRROR LAR MILITANCY. AS RESULT, PALESTINIAN AND OTHER ARAB VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTED BY LARG, INACTIVE. LAR, QADHAFI SAID, MAY HAVE TO RETURN ARAB VOLUNTEERS TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES. " WITH EXCEPTION LAR, ARAB NATION IS STAGNANT POOL."

2. LNA PLANE INCIDENT OF FEBRUARY 21. EGYPTIAN RELATIONS OFFICE (BRANCH EMBASSY) AND CULTURAL CENTER AT BENGHAZI WERE ATTACKED, " TENS OF EGYPTIANS" (DOCTORS, NURSES, ENGINEERS, TEACHERS) WERE ASSAULTED, QADHAFI ACKNOWLEDGE, THOUGH EGYPTIANS WERE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ISRAELI DOWNING OF LIBYAN AIRLINER. QADHAFI CHARGED THAT EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF, WHO FAILED TO ACT, GUILTY OF INCOMPETENCE. LAR SOUGHT TO TAKE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO AIRLINER INCIDENT. JALLUD, AL- HUNI, AND KHARRUBI WERE SENT TO EGYPT AND SYRIA AND HAWWADI " TO OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES". ALL RETURNED " EMPTY- HANDED"; RCC EFFORTS TO MAKE RIPOSTE TO ISRAELI ACTION ABORTED BECAUSE " ARAB BROTHERS FAILED TO HELP US".

3. ISRAEL. LAR ALONE SEEKS ALL- OUT WAR WITH ISRAEL IN ORDER RESTORE PRE 1948 PALESTINE. NOT ONLY " DEFEATIST" HKJ, BUT ALSO EGYPT AND SYRIA SEEK MERELY RESTORATION THEIR TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967. AT VERY LEAST, " REGIONALIST" FELLOW ARABS SHOULD NOT RECOGNIZE ISRAEL, PERMIT ISRAELIS TO PASS THROUGH SUEZ, NOR ESTABLISH NEW BORDERS WITH ISRAEL. MEANWHILE, LAR HAS NOT BEEN PARTY TO EXTANT ARAB " BATTLE PLANS" AND THUS, IF HOSTILITIES RESUME, LIBYA WILL BE BLAMELESS SHOULD ARAB DEFEAT ENSURE.

4. MERGER AND FAR. REGARDLESS OF LAR DISILLUSIONMENT WITH FELLOW ARABS, FAR AND MERGER ARE UNAFFECTED. MERGER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH EGYPT " IS MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH". FEDERATION APPROVED BY PEOPLES IN REFERENDUM WILL BE STRENGTHENED. AS FOR SADAT AND ASAD PERSONALLY, QADHAFI SAID HE

DIFFERS WITH THEM BUT ESTEEMS THEM NONETHELESS.

5. LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. BUTTRESSED BY PUREST ARABISM AND MOST FERVENT DEVOTION TO ISLAM, AND ESCHEWING ALL NON- QUR' ANIC PHILOSOPHIES WHETHER FROM EAST OR WEST, LAR IS " FIGHTING" UK (IN NORTH IRAELAND), US (BECAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION TOWARDS BLACKS), PHILIPPINES (FOR SAKE OF MUSLIMS), AND ISRAEL (ESPECIALLY IN AFRICA).

6. INTERNAL MALAISE. LAR CANNOT ACHIEVE ITS WORLD- WIDE ARAB AND ISLAMIC GOALS UNLESS INTERNAL WEAKNESSES OF LIBYANS ARE ERADICATED. PEOPLE MUST ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITIES, DISPLAY REVOLUTIONARY FERVOR. " MICROBES" IN EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE MUST BE ELIMINATED. (THIS WAS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL CLEAR REFERENCES TO QADHAFI' S FAILURE TO COME TO TERMS WITH LIBYAN YOUTH, ESPECIALLY WITH LIBYAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WHO HAVE CONFRONTED REGIME REPEATEDLY DURING DIALOGUES BOTH ON AND OFF AMPUS). LACK OF RESPECT FOR LAW ON PART OF POPULACE HAS FORCED LARG TO RE- ARM POLICE. ARMED FORCES ARE WELL EQUIPPED IN EVERY REGARD EXCEPT CRUCIAL LACK OF SKILLED MOTIVATED PERSONNEL.

7. FIVE POINTS. UNLESS REVOLUTION IS RENEWED, QADHAFI THREATENED, HE WILL RESIGN AS HE HAS REPEATEDLY, SOUGHT TO DO; HE DESIRES " NO LEADERSHIP OR COMMAND", WOULD PREFER TO LIVE AS PRIVATE CITIZEN, AND IS FED UP WITH FRUSTRATIONS AND THREATS TO IFEVOLUTIONARY PATH HE DISCERNS SO CLEARLY. RENEWAL POSSIBLE IF MASSES JOIN IN ENTHUSIASTIC IMPLEMENTATION OF FIVE POINT PROGRAM:

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